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Exams Rear Ugly Heads For Appearance Tomorrow

Read it and weep, inmates: those horrible exams are here again. Starting tomorrow, Academy boys will have the semi-annual opportunity of glaring at ridiculously searching questions and subsequently sweating blood for three hours.

Leading off the Murderer's Row will be a charming English quiz by Mrs. Bitzer. Hardened veterans of the class foresee the usual test—several themes and a series of abstract, one-word quotations.

Other 400 shaggers on the schedule include a number of unworkable quadratics under the guise of algebra, a physics crap based on Einstein's 28 pages of gravitational equations, and an engrossing Latin exam entitled "How Drunk or Drunk Again." Even the usually calm history exponent, Mr. Youngen, has caught the spirit, and the heads are really shaking. "By jingsie! I'll show these young fellars an exam and a half."

Here, then, is the convenient line-up for next week with the names and number of each and every player:

Tuesday, January 24; A.M.—English III, IV in Study Hall; Civics in Room 11. P.M.—English I, II in Study Hall.

Wednesday, January 25; A.M.—Latin and Modern History in Study Hall; American History in cafeteria. P.M.—Modern Languages in Study Hall.

Thursday, January 26; A.M.—Chemistry, Physics, Ancient History in Study Hall. P.M.—General Science, Commercial Law in Study Hall; Regular Public Speaking in Library.

Friday, January 27; A.M.—Math; Trig., Solid, Algebra. P.M.—Math; Plane Geometry, Algebra II.

Morning exams: 8:30-11:30; afternoon exams: 1:45.

Maroon Alums Swarm Home For Christmas

In the last few weeks we have welcomed home many MBA graduates from various parts of the country. Some found time to come back and visit the Alma Mater, and one very demanding question was, "How's the English?" Lindsley Ruth and Bob Parrish were two who had a very favorable answer from Vanderbilt, along with Charlie Blackard from the mania.

Also here for the holiday season were Jake Wallace, Ed Nelson, and Bill Bailey. These boys have been residing in the past few weeks at Ken Goodpasture, who traveled throughout Europe this past summer, will graduate from Davidson this spring.

Franklin Jarman and Ernest Franklin, it is said, turned judge on New Year's Eve and celebrated it five different times. Nice work, boys!

'Bell Ringer' Again Backs Voting For Class Representative

Inmates, remember those lush babes page one of the Bell Ringer last spring? They were really something, huh? Well, this year we're spicing our covers again with a class representative for each of the four classes.

The setup is simple. Each class chooses a Nashville girl now attending high school for its representative, only Freshmen voting for Freshmen, Sophomores for Sophomores for the Sophomore, etc. All individual ballots are then turned in to assistant Bell Ringer

Key Club Sponsors Intramurals, Slates February Bell Hop

The yearly Key Club-sponsored intramural basketball tournament will be held shortly after mid-term exams in the MBA gym. Club President Lem Stevens announced recently.

This tournament, a hit since its inception three years ago, will be divided into Freshman-Sophomore; Junior-Senior divisions and operates on the round-robin principle with two games being played between other schools in its division. Prizes include varsity boys with a chance to glitter on the basketball court, past tournaments have been a tremendous success. The total amount on the poker list has been above average, and (Continued on page 4, col. 3)

Annual Steps Up Photo Campaign

Men, break out your cameras, dust off the cobwebbed lenses, and begin a career of photography today! Surprise your friends by snapping them in the shower while wearing their birthday suits. Grafty out their birthday suits, grafting their expression while white with pleasure.

Untold popularity awaits you by the simple clicking of a shutter. All ten buildings on campus from the Bell which is hard up for pictures. These candid gents are to be of the Academy campus, its boys and girls, activities (subject to censorship, of course). Deadline for these snaps is March 1st. Prizes for photos run: Best picture \$10.00; second best \$5.00; third best \$3.00; fourth best \$1.00. So for Pete's sake (also for Jim Henley's) help turn out a top-notch '49 Bell by clicking on the friendly Kodak TODAY.

Elsewhere this year's annual is rolling into fine shape with all news picture proofs in and the globes ready to go. All news stories are due on February 1st with the exception of basketball which carries over until the end of the season.

Seasonal add-getters Max Smith and Lester Ladd are scheduled to hit the streets of Nashville soon to apply the full degree of their salesman's art. P.S.—Don't forget; get out the camera NOW.

editor Alan Cooper. Honor-bound members of the paper staff will total up the scores. A pictorial Freshman choice will appear in the next Bell Ringer in mid-February (which translated means late April) along with a writeup of said visions—er, visions.

Since the Academy has an Honor System, it is assumed that no zealous fanatic will forgetfully vote for his classmate. Ballots are due in before February 1st. Kindly scribble out what class you are in, along with your ballot. (Continued on page 4, col. 3)



VU's Dr. Peterson Speaks at Academy

Translation of the muddle of atomic energy to simple ABC language was the result as an audience of 1,000 students, Dr. Merlin Peterson, spoke at a pre-Christmas assembly. In a crystal-clear talk Dr. Peterson made clear such an elusive fissile chain reaction as obvious to MBA boys as demerit hall and 8-ball.

Basis of atomic energy, explained Dr. Peterson, is the business principle, "If you get more out than you put in, you're in a success." Thus when a neutron strikes the bulky (heavies of 92 elements) uranium atom, it splits (fission) shooting out two neutrons which, in turn, strike two more atoms, etc. The entire energy-releasing process takes only a fraction of a second, causing a tremendous explosion. By business standards, then, this "chain reaction" is a success.

In actual practice this reaction is limited to uranium 235 (uranium is 99% 238, 1% 235) above the (Continued on page 2, col. 5)

Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

Vacation ends: Two hundred bleary-eyed sots drag themselves back to the lovely red-brick sanitarium overlooking Harding Road.

Bill Dillard, New Item, Carlisle receives party invitation to dislocates E.S.C.P. not mean Refreshments Served Very Promptly.

Len Stevens host beer party . . . Gibbs attends . . . loses bet . . . writes first book, "My Conquest of Centennial Land," or The Chamber Story by Shirley May Gibbs . . . Bobby Rippy says that he'll go to pieces if these people don't stop building twenty story houses . . . Moore's X-mas tree combines fight for business . . . Famous last words: Montes' top performed as Moore exchanged his champagne stopper doesn't fly off.

Dillard Adams doesn't fool around with this penny ante stuff.

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Maroons See Caulfield, Lund In Radio Life of Sam Davis

The life of a distant Academy alumnus was recreated for M.B.A. students recently at the Ryman auditorium as they attended an afternoon dress rehearsal for the Cavalcade of America's story of Sam Davis, "Honor Bound." Davis was an anti-bellum student at Western Military Institute, predecessor to the present day Montgomery Bell Academy.

Academy Students Take Time Current Events Contest

The annual Time magazine current events contest was given recent attention at the MBA, almost a hundred other leading secondary schools throughout the United States. Participants, usually limited to seniors, compete against each other in a quiz contest at the Academy, a twelve-week world quiz, or any book of their choice. Although sponsored by Time, the contest is open to students at the Academy, who are running for a prize of either a twelve-inch world globe, or any book of their choice. (Continued on page 2, col. 1)

NCMA Schedules 2 Youth Concerts

There comes (or should come, anyway) a time in the life of every young man when nothing more than a washboard balled from the country, more than yodeling semi-illiterates on tap at the Ryman, can satisfy his desire to hear them. Those times have been all too few recently, confirmed by a Dr. E. E. Chickeneous Academy survey reporting that 50% of M.B.A. boys don't know the difference between Beethoven's Fifth and Pinocchio's sixth.

As an introduction to music for hardly anyone and a refresher for its already many fans, the Nashville Civic Music Association has slated two Nashville Symphony Youth Concerts—Thursday, February 9th and Tuesday, March 7th at 8:00 p. m. in the War Memorial Auditorium. Feature performances in February will be two sets of young soloists—Maurine Vann and Patsy Hodges, from Jasper and Chattanooga, respectively. Included on the hand-picked programs are works by Bach, Brahms, Purcell, and Smetana. The March concert will hinge around an 80 voice high school chorus from Birmingham, Colin East (West) now returning under individual school music leaders and under the general supervision of Mrs. Catherine Strickland. As usual, the highlight of the program will be the Nashville Symphony under the direction of ace New York conductor William Strickland.

Although no one is in sight to replace last year's top performer, Billy Phifer (now living in Kansas City), there is one other-than-average who may have discovered talent. Bob Wilk, Carl Gates, and Jim Henley. Meanwhile, Louis Todd gives promise of being outstanding in one of the operetta's character parts.

Glee Club Rounds Program Into Form

The Academy Glee Club was last week steadily hammering into shape their comic operetta, "The Penman," to be presented in early spring. With the important soloists out of practice, faculty sponsor Rule was turning attention to the memorizing and coordinating of lengthier choruses.

Since the Glee Club in early December, elections have been held, rules for rehearsals announced, and several individual parts assigned.

Eighteen members had been at the MBA until January ninth when Club Librarian Jim Henley invited the members to his home on Craighead.

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Looking Back With the 'Bell Ringer': Five Years Ago . . . 1944 - 1945

Five years ago . . .

MBA's first printed Bell Ringer

was caulked with Nelson

draws an editor . . . Front page

stories included a sketch of new

Academy headmaster, Richard Lew

Sager from McCallie, and the an-

other side of a school. Almo

Montes just won by music profes-

sor James C. Rule . . . A football

powerhouse, sparked by Buddy

Hewitt, Nelson Andrews, and All-

ison, was the school's first foot-

ball team since the 1930 champions

bounced confidently back into Inter-

scholastic League competition . . .

and with the five new rubicu-

rus uniforms, the Maroon BA

netters again mauled all local

challengers, took the coveted Ken-

dall Cram trophy.

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Number One

As Homecoming Day neared last fall for one local high (we'll call it X), school pep club leaders worked themselves into semi-neurotic yelling, ram-shins, thumping the schools off X was best. Out of curiosity we visited one X far-afield wherein his Alma Mater was better than a dozen other Nashville schools. He stammered five minutes, then admitted he didn't know. We didn't either. Stripped down to fundamentals, X is only a carbon copy of its brother schools—built with the same money, overstocked with the same kids, sporting the same grind-em-out curriculum.

M.B.A. has a heritage that has set it out of that swirl of lookalikes and boosted the Academy by work and sweat into a unique position in Nashville, the rank of number one. That's not a pep club phrase; that's fact. For fifty years M.B.A. has eventually romped everyone in sight on the football field and with the arrival of Howard Allen has turned out a solid series of great ball clubs—the last two undefeated; M.B.A.'s basketball squads have consistently occupied the top rungs at tournament time; Academy tennis teams have been unequalled since the days of Joe Davis; scholastically, Mr. Sager has steered M.B.A. to the top, not just in our opinion but in that of Vanderbilt and other colleges where M.B.A. boys have gone; the faculty is magnificent, bordering on private tutors in contrast to some of the "I'm teaching while my husband goes to college" gems of surrounding schools. "M.B.A." through association has come to mean quality. That quality in a school does not come from an overnight pep club—noise does. Quality comes from year after year plugging to hit that number one spot, a game at which M.B.A.'s had 144 years' practice. There's no pep club here to broadcast M.B.A.'s best. The name "M.B.A." itself means that.

Keep in mind then, the break that's come to you from the work of others. On the football field, in the examination hall, with the Maroon publications, wherever you represent M.B.A., stick to that idea—the Academy is not just another school, it's a number one.

ANNUAL TIME*

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is therefore not a test on Time itself. A Time bulletin describes the exam as "a comprehensive factual test of living events." In the last four months of 1943, all phases of modern life (foreign affairs, national events, sports, theatre, etc.) fall into this quiz, providing a clear idea of the average student's knowledge of current history.

First launched in 1935, this

yearly Time test spread in coverage from a cluster of New England schools to prep schools in 35 states and the District of Columbia. Other Tennessee entries in the contest include Baxter, Castle Heights, Girls Preparatory, Miss Hutchinson's, Middle St. Andrews, Tennessee Military, and Webb.

Winners of the Time award last year in Academy competition were Vernon Sharp and Dick Cantrell of the Senior and Junior classes, respectively.

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Class News

Junior School News

MBA seconds, fourths were reported to have been kicked out of the dances during the Christmas vacation for wearing T-shirts. Even though it didn't happen yesterday, a few of the eighth grade boys can still remember the trap with a surprise attack on Derryberry's desk while he and the rest of the class evacuated. After a short search, Miss T. fearlessly forth to kill the wasp while Bill Ward led the class in a funeral march.

John Davis

Junior News

During the holiday Bob "I can beat you on pick-up" Wilk came moaning up with wild tales of his pistol-packing mama he got for Xmas. Also he was looking rather wan. Edie "Blue Bell" Dick. He says he felt quite well yesterday. I asked 13.1 hours a day. Charly "Can I Be Smart" Guy Ross just got back after a little joint in Florida called the Senior Bowl. I asked Rolfe how he got to go, and he said in a very poor English accent. "Oh, I don't know. Just lucky, I guess."

While down in the lunchroom Ray came up to me with a very worried look and said, "You know I just don't see how these filling stations people know where to set up pumps and get gas."

Allan: "No plows! What kind of a drug store is this anyhow?"

Clerk: "I'm sorry, sir, we haven't any plows."

Allan: "A man's weighed by the com-

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Freshman News

Since exams are coming and I'm studying so, so hard, this article may be found to be a little brief. From all good freshmen I hear that Stan Oman chews Beechum gum 5-1.

The freshmen seem to be having a hard time recovering from those long-night Christmas holidays. I saw Franklin and Sambo Harwell surfing.

Hal Moore, expert on trapping,

is trying to make Mr. Moody's honor roll by telling his wooly mammoth that he now reaches me that Louis Patton has been teaching Mr. Rule a fine trick in algebra.

Baby Snooks Baird has now re-gained his weight and that we no longer make those "childish" as he called them.

In behalf of the Freshman Fourth Period study hall, we take out our hats off to Mr. Cornelius for helping us pass algebra.

Sophomore News

Classes got underway as usual Tuesday morning and saw Lance B. G. (correction H. O.) Blackwood, and Mrs. Moore getting in for the Delta Sig New Year's party.

Some of our Sophomore class

classmates are returning their stride

as they're making out.

A few of the second year roomies,

(whose initials were Jimmy Anderson, Bobby Miller, Glenn Plummer, Andrew Young, Ewing, and Hoffman) had a light breakfast at the home of Jimmy (which I could make up my mind) Anderson. They must have had a wonderful time, even the two of them.

It seems Jim Pelletieri couldn't find the breakfast after the Kappa Phi, but we're sure "Pill" made up for it. How about Jim?

Daphne, who's been sick, headed back to school after visiting the French Quarter in New Orleans.

His first week's accomplishment:

triumphant, absent; Wednesday, ar-

rives; Thursday, gets sick. Thursday,

absent; Friday, kicked out of every

class including study hall.

News Flashes:

Mr. Moody gives Kingree low grade on very late Kim report. Kingree takes all the blame again and he gave me Moody for Xmas.

Ben Adams spends holidays reading book as "Jamie" Edwards goes to Florida.

Nisley and Craigen vote "Frahed" and "Frahed" picture of the year. Metcalfe and "Riverin" Bradford want to know what's wrong with "Duel in the Sun."

Powell finally gets hair to stay as he discovers leaks in crankcase.

Ewing's plans for a wonderful time over the holidays fold as date gets sick after Alvin Chi dance and also has an eight o'clock curfew New Year's Eve.

Rosen and Williams seen fight-

ing due over the best on Junior Varsity basketball team.

What was Cate doing up town New Year's Eve night? How was the new session? "Tighten?" "Kitten" cut quite a rumpus himself.

The Sophomore class wishes to extend its deepest sympathy to Bobby Dunn. Really sorry to learn of his father's death.

All the boys who ever played on the Junior Varsity are surely sorry "Coach" Hackman had to give us such a bad time. We were really enjoyed playing under you. Thanks a million for the perfect football record. You've been swell.

Our Historic,
Heroic,
Humorous, Past

by John Adams

It does not take long for once bright events to fade into oblivion. Since we are only in MBA four or five years, the milestones that we make remain, but we are forgotten. Fortunately, too, are the stories, the old war songs, the games, what people said, and sometimes the people themselves. I say "forget" for lack of a better word; the truth is, we have known about all of the events that happened before our arrival.

The oldest school paper that I have been able to find was published in the fall of 1910. It is much smaller than this paper, being a mimeographed tabloid about twice the size of a piece of notebook paper.

In this issue was an editorial on Mr. Ball. Not many of us here now ever knew Mr. Ball, but from all accounts he was a fine gentleman.

When asked if he attended school so much as boys did, he answered, "I always assumed that they were gentlemen, until they proved otherwise, and I have friend that they both did. My approach always lived up to my expectations," Mr. Ball was head master at MBA for thirty-two years, retiring from that position in 1941.

Do you remember Literary Society each month? Every class met to hear several speeches and a debate on some class motions. What happened to it? Or the Student Council that was the go between for the Student Body and the faculty? The Student Body and the faculty? The Student Body still has taken its place in enforcing rules and deciding punishments. In the abandonment of the Student Council we have lost some of our Student traditions.

Believe it or not, Mr. Sager gave a half holiday in 1944 when we dowed Springfield 45-20.

The words and music for our Alma Mater were written by Mr. Rule in 1914, the original.

MBA entered baseball in the spring of '45 for the first time in thirteen years. We entered with the forming of the new Inter-scholastic Baseball League.

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After starting slow with a pair of losses and a single win, the Maroon cagers have caught fire and raced to eight straight victories; six against second district competition to four in a favored role in the district. In blasting West's high-flying Blue Jays, 53-34, the Big Red really gave a performance worthy of general acclaim, and are now on their way to what they hope will be the most successful basketball season in recent Maroon history.

From all over the Maroons appear loaded. The most obvious advantage is, of course, height; with four starters over the six-foot mark, the Big Red can probably get more than its share from any other team in Nashville, and that height pays off in tip-ins and blocked shots as well. In speed the Maroons are matched up with all teams they've opposed. Their fast break, led by Imman Fox, is rapidly developing into one of the most feared weapons in town. Their shooting percentage, although nothing spectacular, is re-

spectable nevertheless, and continues to improve as the season advances. In addition, the Big Red boasts a tight zone defense, the second best point producer in Nashville, Roy Head, was held to nine points, one of his lowest totals all year; West's Donald Simpkins,

another dangerous scorer, managed only three points against the Maroons. Finally, the Maroons have reserve strength. Three Juniors—John Ackley, Charlie McDonald and Jimmy Ray—see most action of the subs, although the whole reserve list is capable.



M.B.A.'s Coble Shoots in T.I.S. Tilt

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By JIM BRENT

With the football season now history, the eight senior starters on the Maroon eleven are turning their thoughts towards college. Charlie Hawkins and Bobby Worrall are of course set on Vanderbilt, while Billy Bryan is probably headed to as well. Robert McNeely plans to attend either Yale or Sewanee, while Bill Collier and Morris Ferguson have been rushed to football scouts from Clemson and Georgia, respectively. Another senior on the eleven, Bill Edwards, will attend Vandy. Whether his lack of weight will probably keep him out of college football is unknown. The remaining starter, Jim Leech, is going to Maryville College; as yet he hasn't decided whether he'll try football there or not.

Interest in the rifle team has sagged to what appears to be an all time low. This year there are only a few faithful marksmen who continue to journey to East's junior high ranges on Tuesday nights and thus far, of the school's top men are Dick Branson, Lem Stevens, George Smart, and Joe Tenison. In the two matches to date the Maroons have finished fifth and fourth.

With the intramurals still weeks away more than fifty boys have already put their names on the bulletin board list of applicants. The 1950 tournament showed the best in school history; interest such as has been shown this year is a real encouragement to the Key Club which sponsors the event.

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Allen to Coach J. V.

Varsity coach Howard Allen took over the reins of the Junior Varsity basketball squad when Mr. Hackman was forced by doctor's orders to give up the position. Mr. Hackman, former coach Allen a squad of fifteen boys who managed to top last year's so-so record. In its only test so far, they raced through to win Peabody test, 51-10, showing fast ball offensively and defensively. "With more seasoning, this group has every possibility of going far," explained Coach Allen.

Blackburn Played with Microbes

After beating Peabody 31-28 in a practice basketball game, Coach George Blackburn appeared to be

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Monograms Given At Football Fete

On Wednesday, December 14, the annual football banquet was held in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Allen, assisted by Mrs. Coble and Mrs. Scott prepared the turkey dinner and with the help of their daughters as Charlie Hawkins, it was quickly polished-off.

Guests at the banquet included many of the month's sports dignitaries. Fred Russell, Coach Wally Butts of Georgia, Buford "Baby" Ray, and last, but not least, Coach Peabody. Informal talks were given by Mr. James Granberry, lifelong friend of the school, and by Dr. Sam Bernew. Mr. Granberry gave the boys a valuable idea of the work which can be done and from football can be applied to life, and Dr. Bernew told us how this had been done by one familiar to the school—Coach Allen.

Highlight of the evening was the talk given by Coach Butts. He said that he was a firm believer in teamwork, but added that teamwork could be developed easily by the presence of a player such as Notre Dame's giant Leon Hart. "They don't have many big animals like that running around

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Maroons Catch Fire To Spank West, Ryan, Howard, Take Loop Lead In Second Cage District

Big Red Rules Boards, Takes West, 54-34

A simple case of man against man proved the downfall of West High's Blue Jays as the Maroon cagers dinned them 54-34. The MBA forward-center combination of Coble, Hawkins, and Oman left little to be desired in their rebound work, clearing the boards neatly on both ends of the contest.

The Jays held the Maroons to a 12-10 lead at the end of the first period, but the height advantage began to show in the second quarter, and MBA left the floor a 24-27 leader at half-time. In the final half, the MBA defense operated ably, but West still didn't take advantage of its shooting from far out and losing most of the rebounds. MBA lead 37-24 at the beginning of the final period.

Hawkins led the Maroons with 15 points, closely followed by Gates with 11, and Fox with 10. Fox stole the show in the final seconds, prancing across the entire floor, attempting to come down the floor and laying-up two consecutive craps.

M. B. A. Downs Ryan In 31-26 Victory

Facing the pre-season district favorite, the M.B.A. Maroons thoroughly outclassed the Father Ryan Panthers 31-26 on the losers' home floor.

The Maroons jumped off to a quick 6-0 lead and held this margin throughout the first period, leading 8-6 at the end of eight minutes. Play slowed down the next quarter, but when the teams left the floor at half-time the M.B.A. still held an 18-11 advantage.

M.B.A.'s scoring attack almost collapsed in the last half as the Red team tallied only three times in the final period. The tie atop the game 22-22 going into the final period, but M.B.A. quickly regained the lead on free throws, and increased it as the game drew to a close.

Stirton Oman and Charley Hawkins played brilliant ball off the boards all evening, clearing most of the rebounds the first half and a

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Personality of the Month

by Mack Dixon



BILLY COBLE

Our personality for this month, Billy Coble, certainly needs no introduction. Virtuous, honest and adored by everyone from the lowest first-form to the faculty, Billy is always high on the popularity polls at the Academy. His winning smile, great sense of humor and loyalty make him a friend of all.

A fine athlete, Billy has already received offers from colleges desiring his services. His record is not spectacular, steadily rank in the upper part of his class. Bill is also famous for his jaunts to California, with some of his schoolmates this summer (not that this has anything particular to do with his athletics or his grades).

Entered the Hillman on the Hill as a Freshman, Billy quickly claimed the friendship of everyone. His Sophomore year he was class secretary-treasurer, an office which he held his Junior and Senior years.

As an athlete, Billy is outstanding. He began his football career as a member of the less than man's cootie team of '47. He also starred on the Junior Varsity basketball team of the year. As a Junior on the Varsity squad, he was a regular on the basketball team also, starting when Charlie Blackman was injured. This year he teamed with Bill Brumley to lead the Big Red the best part of ends in the city. Billy reached his peak in the Thanksgiving Day Cookeville game, leading the team to a great victory. Already rounding into top form for basketball, Billy is being looked-to to lead the Maroons next season.

Likes and Dislikes:
Favorite sport—Football.
Favorite subject—English.
Hates—subject—English.
Most hated subject—Math.
Favorite food—Steak and potatoes with gravy.
Most hated food—Squash.
Favorite comic character—Ozark Ike.
Favorite Actress—Jane Powell.

MONOGRAMS

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"loose," Coach Butts asserted. Following the switch, the team was presented with the Tennessee's AA Championship trophy, and Coach Allen gave every boy a new jacket sporting the MBA monogram. Later on, some of the Memphis Central game were shown, and as the boys left to go home each was sure that it had been an evening he would never forget.

ACADEMY BOTTLES

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Charlie Hawkins showed fine rebound as well as scoring nine points. Oman also cleared his share of the work, with ten points. McDaniel and Jim Ray were assigned to the tough task of guarding the Rob's high-scoring forward, Roy Herald, and held him to only one point.

DOWNS RYAN

(Continued from page 3, col. 5) majority the last two periods, Hawkholt scored in nine points to head the scoring. Six points were by Oman with seven, and Inman Fox and Carl Gates with six each.

Mid-Term Senior Poll -- Who's Who and What's What In the Class of '50

As the first semester draws to a close, many Seniors are realizing that their association with one another and with MBA is almost over. What, then, are their final impressions of these carefree years and the beloved Alma Mater? Which hideous faces will they remember as excelling in Academy life? To answer these and other burning questions the Bell Ringer has sponsored the following Senior mid-term poll:

Most popular: Bryan (11); Coble (8); Hawkins (4); McNeilly (2).

Most likely to succeed: McNeilly (10); Bryan (4); Cantrell, Carney, Hawkins, Leech (1).

Done most for MBA: McNeilly (5); Henley, Gibbs (5); Oman, McNeilly (2); McDaniel, Anderson, Carney, Hawkins, Leech (1).

Done MBA FOR most: Wood (8); Henley, Gibbs (5); Oman, McNeilly (2); McDaniel, Anderson, Carney, Hawkins, Leech (1).

Gentlemen of Leisure: Oman (12); Wood (4); Smith (3); Madden, Cantrell, Wills, Edwards, Leech (1).

Wittiest: McDaniel (8); Dixon, Edwards (6); Leech, Pearson, Warren, Carney, Knox (1).

Most naive: Wills (16); Oman, McDaniel (2); Anderson, Stevens, Brent, Bryant, Hawkins (1).

Loudest noise: Dixon (14); McDaniel (5); Anderson (2); Cantrell, Comer, Gibbs, Leech (1).

Best Athlete: Hawkins (21); Coble (4).

Thinks he is: Ferguson, Fox (5); Gibbs (4); Hawkins, Gates (3); Leech, McNeilly, Wills, Edwards, Smith (1).

First Married: Cantrell (6); Wood (4); Oman (3); Smith, McNeilly, McDaniel, Pearson (2); Ryan, Coble, Madden, Leech (1).

First Father: Wood (14); Oman, Wills, Ryan (2); Carney, Hawkins, Madden, McNeilly, Leech (1).

Biggest Roughhouse: Wills (19); Cantrell, McDaniel (2); Wood, Oman (1).

Most Drag with Faculty: Smith (6); Cantrell, Bryan (4); Fox (3); Brent, McNeilly (2); Oman, Coble, Hawkins, Stevens (1).

Class Playboy: Wood, Coble (8); Smith (4); Ferguson (2); Comer, Wills, Madden (1).

Class Hick: Horn (20); Oman (2); Comer, Hackman, Wills (1).

Class Tramp: Henley (8); Bry-

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Of greater interest to the school's older students are the many books on religion, history, current events, science, and sports while for the older boys are a group of recent best-sellers. And don't forget all the classics of such writers as Scott, Dickens, and Twain.

SUB-VARSITY

Continued from page 3, col. 2) well pleased with the efforts of the girls' basketball team, who share of games if the boys keep hustling," he said. Carrying fifteen boys on the squad, Coach Blackburn has sixteen games on tap for his fast-breaking hoopers.

From his undefeated squad of past years are Dick Anderson and Jim Ballou, both seniors, and of this year's team: Jack Standifer, Bill Coles, and Bill Pfeiffer will bring in the line-up, among others of his selected, but largely inexperienced team.

MICROBES HOST FOOTBALL BANQUET

Climaxing a successful campaign, a banquet was held for the Microbites footballers and coaches at the home of Glenn Brooks, Decem-

V.U.'s PETERSON

(Continued from page 1, col. 3) "critical limit," or larger than the approximate size of a fist. If a projectile of U-235 below the critical limit is propelled into another one, an over-the-limit mass is formed. Neutrons always present in the air, which strike the fissionable material, take place, and considerable havoc is caused a la Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Intensity of the blast is dependent upon the reflected bomb which reflects neutrons back into the exploding mass. That, then, is the atomic bomb, in very simple terms.

It is a powerful uses atomic energy is a hard horse to harness because of the intense heat thrown off and the danger of radioactivity. In a war, an explosive six-ton atom bomb would be necessary to run on atomic energy. Similar problems would arise from atomic power plants, etc.

Peterson's clear-cut explanations found an eager Academy audience, and as the applause died down, Maroon sadists were plotting little bombs to blow one another to bits.

JUNIOR NEWS

(Continued from page 2, col. 4) pany he thinks nobody knows he's keeping is for a boy who goes by the name of C.M.R. III.

"I'll say goodbye, and remember, keep smiling.

—Gilbert Templeton

Dec. 16th. Letters were awarded twenty-four players and the players presented Mr. Blackburn and Mr. Moody with handsome gifts. Special guests Coach Allen and Bill Wade, Vandy quarterback, made a talk and pictures of the Vanderbilt-Tennessee game were shown.

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